

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 395 - SB 494

February 10, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an individual, who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun, to carry a handgun while training fox hounds, rabbit dogs, and bird dogs or chasing coons with dogs, including simply accompanying them or training a dog, bow hunting, or while in an area inhabited by big game, as long as the handgun is not used for the taking of game.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-4-117(a), it is a Class B misdemeanor offense for a person to be in possession of any firearm, bow and arrow, shotgun or rifle in, on, or while traversing any refuge, public hunting area or wildlife management area frequented or inhabited by big game, except during specified or lawful open seasons on these areas.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, this legislation will have no significant impact on the enforcement duties of the agency.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1311(b)(1)(J), it is an exception to the offense of unlawful possession or carry, a person hunting during the lawful hunting season on lands owned by any municipality, county, state or instrumentality thereof and designated as open to hunting by law or by the appropriate official.
- Passage of this legislation will have no significant impact on citations or Class B misdemeanors convictions for unlawful carry; therefore, there will be no significant increase in local government revenue or expenditures.
- This legislation is not expected to have significant impact on current handgun carry permit issuances or the revenue collected thereby.
- There will not be a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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